## wallstreet:online

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## **Redefining Digital Investing**

wallstreet:online Offers a Comprehensive Digital Finance and Investment Platform for Private Investors

Transaction: Smartbroker

WSO operates the largest next generation broker by assets under custody in Germany



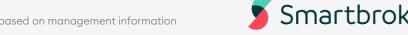
#### Media

The largest publisher-independent **financial portal** operator

Host of the largest finance community across German-speaking Europe

# Highlights 2021 (1/2) Another Record Year Adds to the Group's Consistently Strong Performance

- New revenue record | 82% revenue growth to €51.4 million in 2021<sup>1</sup>, with 63% of the growth coming from the transaction segment and 37% from the media business
- Doubled securities accounts and assets under custody | >120.000 new accounts in 2021;
   €8.8bn assets under custody at the end of 2021
- Reach expansion for the media portals
- Capital increase | €19m capital increase closed in June 2021





## Highlights 2021 (2/2)

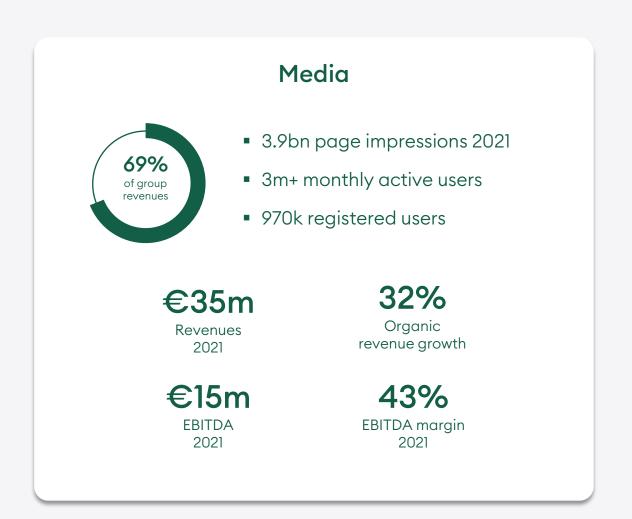
## Significant Progress Made in the Development of Smartbroker 2.0 & the Professionalisation of the Organisation

- Smartbroker 2.0 development | Kicked off internalisation of the brokerage infrastructure
- Applied for extension of the existing BaFin licence to cover further securities services
- Established clear majority in the Smartbroker operating company wallstreet:online capital AG |
   Completed the squeeze-out to achieve 100% shareholding in 2022
- Organisational development | Matthias Hach became CEO & Chairman of the Board of wallstreet:online AG as well as CEO of wallstreet:online capital AG
   Roland Nicklaus became CFO of wallstreet:online AG
- Strengthened internal structures through the expansion of management levels and the recruitment of more than 40 new employees (mainly in the areas of compliance, governance, finance and IT)





### Media Unit Forms Strong Revenue and Profitability Basis Enables the Self-Financed Development of the Smartbroker Platform





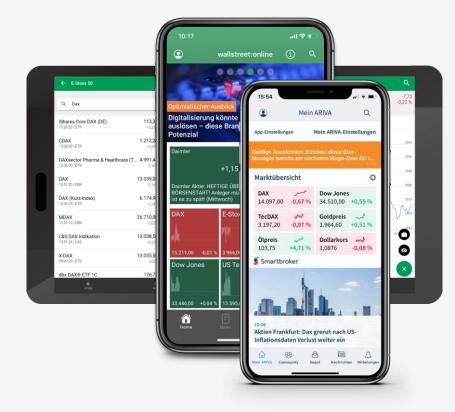
**Smart Investor** 

Strong organic & inorganic growth

All acquisitions generate positive cash contribution

# Initiatives 2022 to Strengthen the Further Momentum of the Media Business

- New paid-services & video editorial team starting in Q3 2022
- The newly created wallstreet:online Publishing GmbH bundles all of the group's journalistic offerings
- Introduction of the Community Stream at wallstreet:online
- Relaunch of the Ariva apps
- Realisation of synergies by linking Ariva data to Finanznachrichten.de and Börsennews.de → Ariva to become the group's central data hub



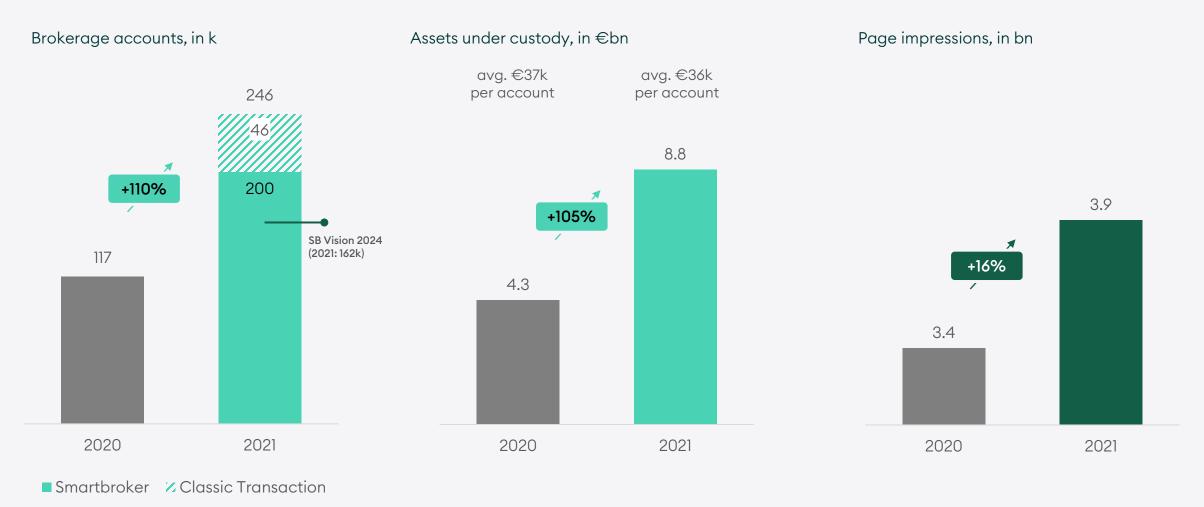








# Operational KPIs 2021 Brokerage Accounts & Assets More Than Doubled – Media Reach Also Expanded

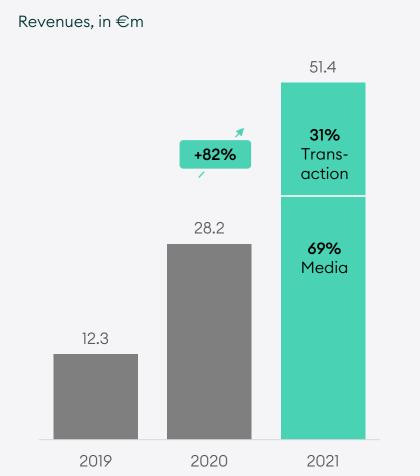




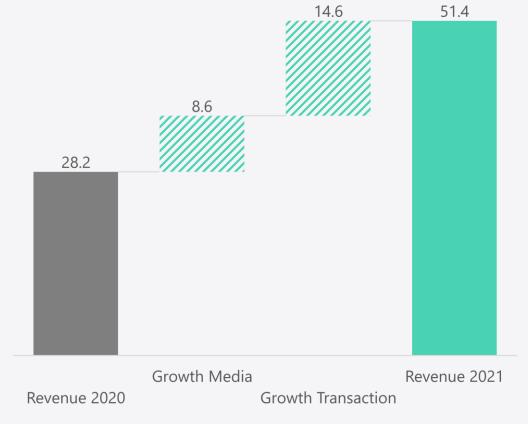


## 2021 Pro Forma Group Revenue

### Over-achieved Guidance – Growth Stemming from Both Business Units



Revenue growth by segment, in €m

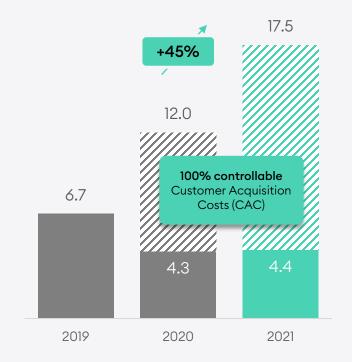




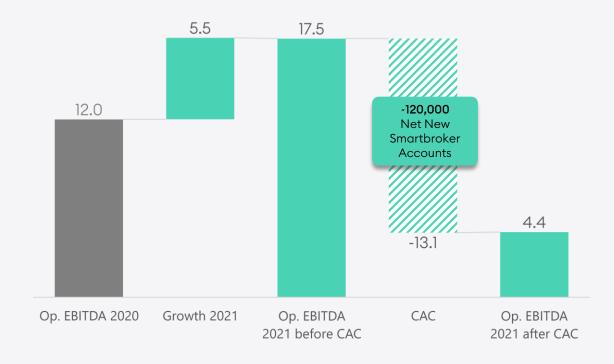


# 2021 Pro Forma Group Profitability Targeted Investment Enabled the Creation of >120,000 New Securities Accounts

Operational EBITDA, in €m

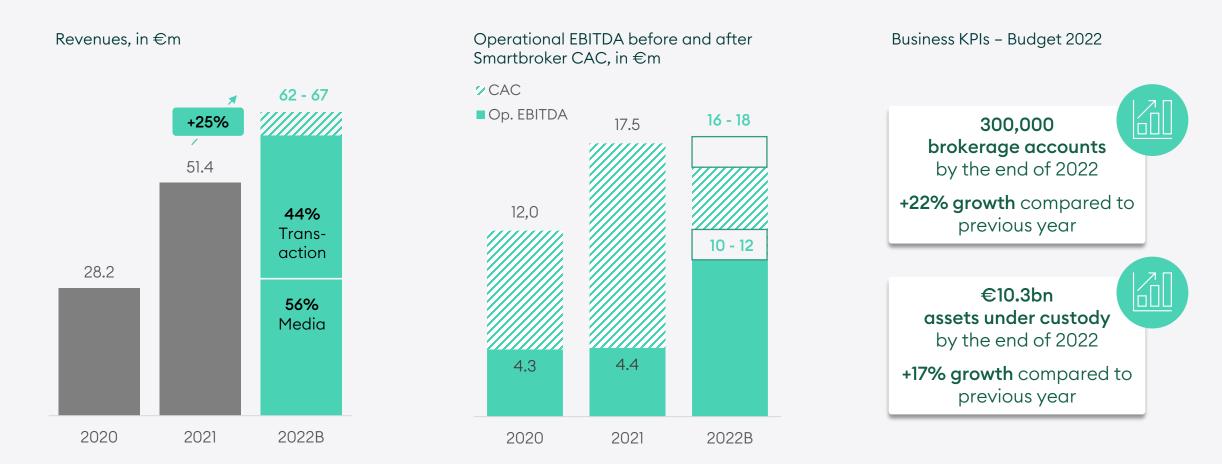


Targeted investment into Smartbroker client growth, in €m



Fulfilled guidance – Self-financing Smartbroker customer growth

### Guidance 2022 25% Revenue Growth at ~55k New Securities Accounts in 2022



Laying foundations for vastly improved business model

## **Market & Competition**

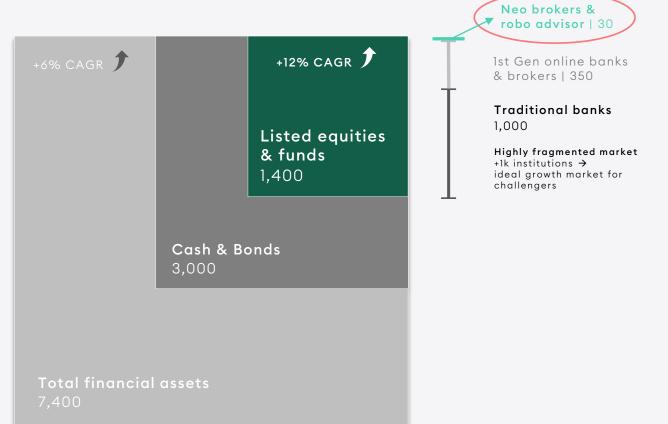
28m Securities Accounts in Germany

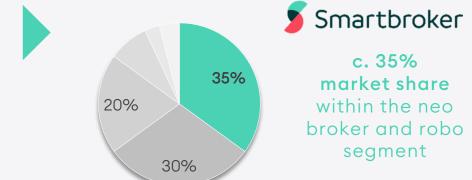
Smartbroker is the Only Full-Service Broker with €0 fees



# German Households' Financial Assets Grow by 6% p.a. Investments in Listed Equities & Funds Growing at Double this Rate

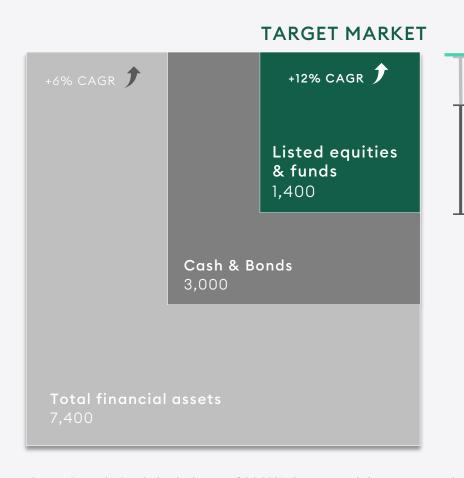
Total financial assets of German households, in €bn, 2021E





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#### Neo brokers & robo advisor | 30

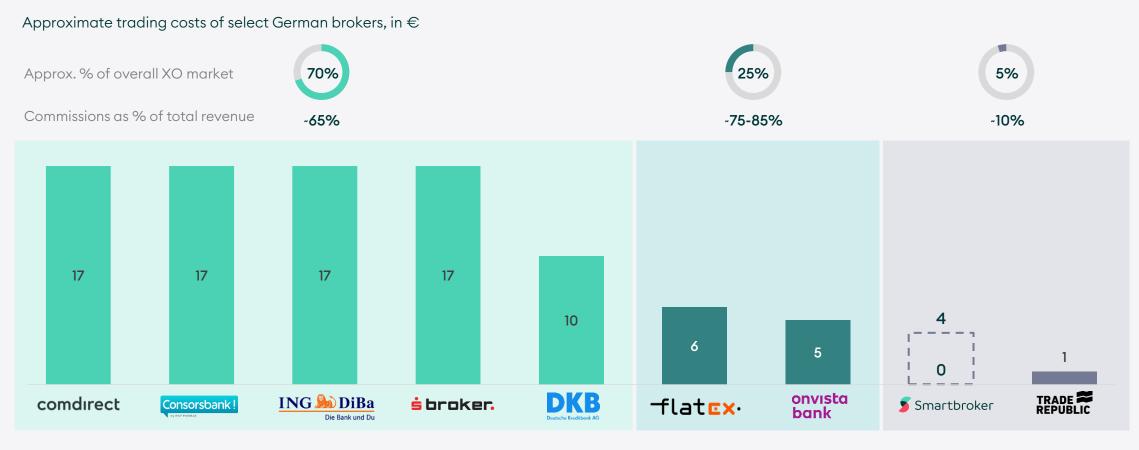
1st Gen online banks & brokers | 350

#### Traditional banks

Highly fragmented market +1k institutions → ideal growth market for challengers

- Combination of lowest fees and comprehensive product offering enables clients of all three categories to switch to Smartbroker
- Market share among the 28m securities accounts in Germany was at 1% at the end of 2021
- BUT: already 4% market share of accounts opened in 2021

# Market Pricing Remains Largely Stable Zero-fee Commissions Enable Broad Access to Capital Markets



**Broad Banks Maintain** high commissions as long as possible

XO-Focussed
Wait and see what happens to
customer base before lowering fees

Start-ups
Disrupt market by changing low (zero)
commissions, and earning revenue
from other sources

## **Smartbroker**

Germany's Leading Next Generation Broker by Assets under Custody

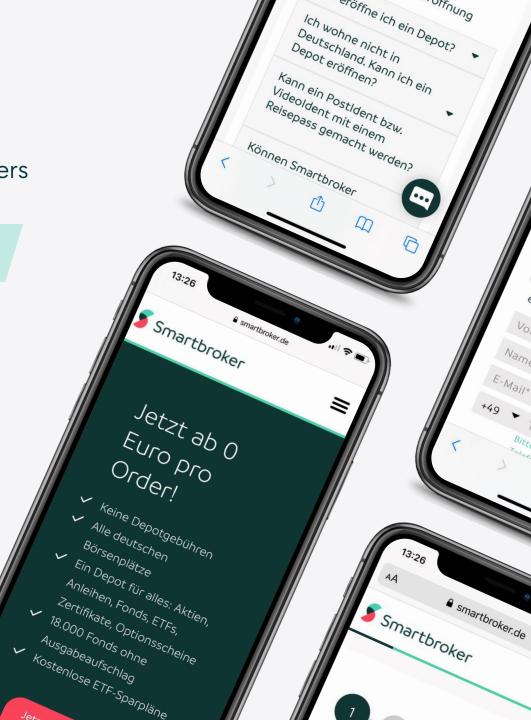




Award-Winning Neo Broker for Private Investors & Savers

#### Germany's ONLY full-service broker with zero fees

- Trade virtually all securities licensed in Germany on all German exchanges
- Permanently from €0 transaction fees
- Zero securities account fee, free savings plans
- Virtually all funds without issue premium
- Large selection of international trading venues, incl. Nasdaq, NYSE, LSE
- Derivatives trading starting from €0
   Premium partners: Morgan Stanley, HSBC, UBS and Vontobel



## **Award-winning Next Generation Broker**











- Smartbroker received the rating "Very Good" in the Handelsblatt ranking of the best online brokers 2022
- In the current Zertifikate Awards, Smartbroker took 3<sup>rd</sup> place among the **best online brokers in** the readers' choice ranking 2021 / 2022
- Smartbroker ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> (out of 14 tested brokers) in the study by the German Society for Consumer Studies on the best ETF brokers in 2022 in terms of pricing, offering, transparency and service
- Smartbroker is the cheapest provider on the market

According to "Finanztest", part of the renowned not-for-profit "Stiftung Warentest" consumer advocate group (Issue 12/2021)

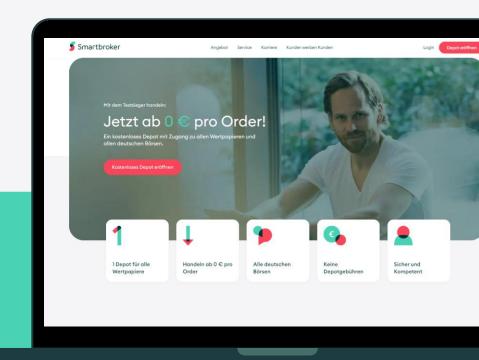


# Smartbroker Status Quo Current Cooperation with Partner Bank is Limiting Further Growth

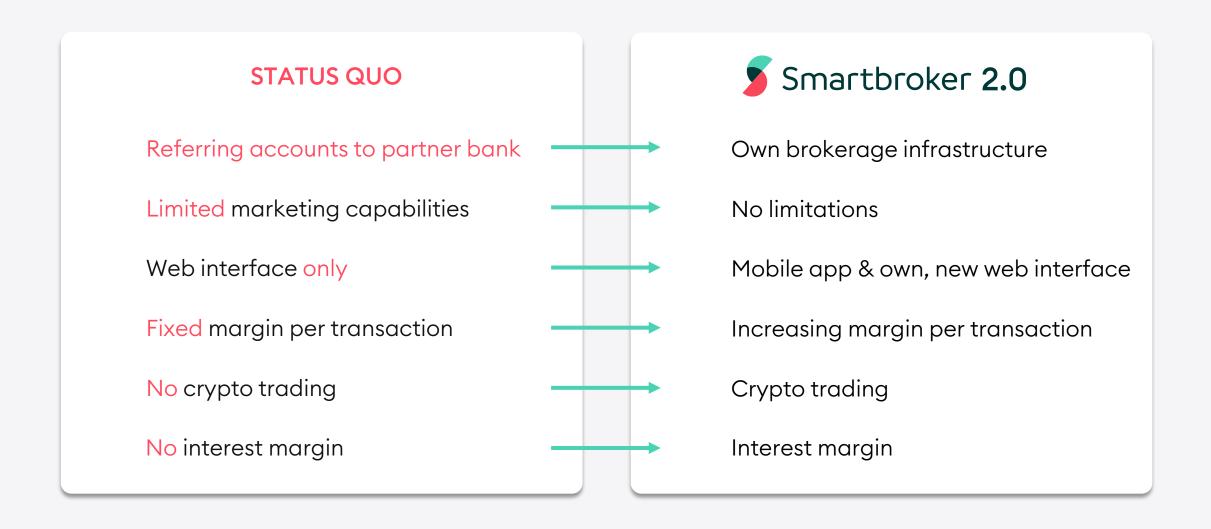
- 200,000 securities accounts (as of year-end 2021)
- Existing, successful cooperation model, however with
  - → Fixed margin per trade no scalability
  - → Restrictions regarding product development
  - → Dependency (e. g. no mobile app, no integration into our media portals)

Despite its significant success & popularity, Smartbroker falls short of its potential

Hence the decision to build our own brokerage infrastructure



# Smartbroker 2.0 Creates Scalability & Innovation Power Extended Licence | Own Platform | Own Technology



# Unique Foundation for Smartbroker 2.0 Linking Information And Transaction



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FinanzNachrichten.de

Min.

40% reach

among the execution-only investors in German-speaking Europe



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Full-Service
Online Broker
with €0 fees

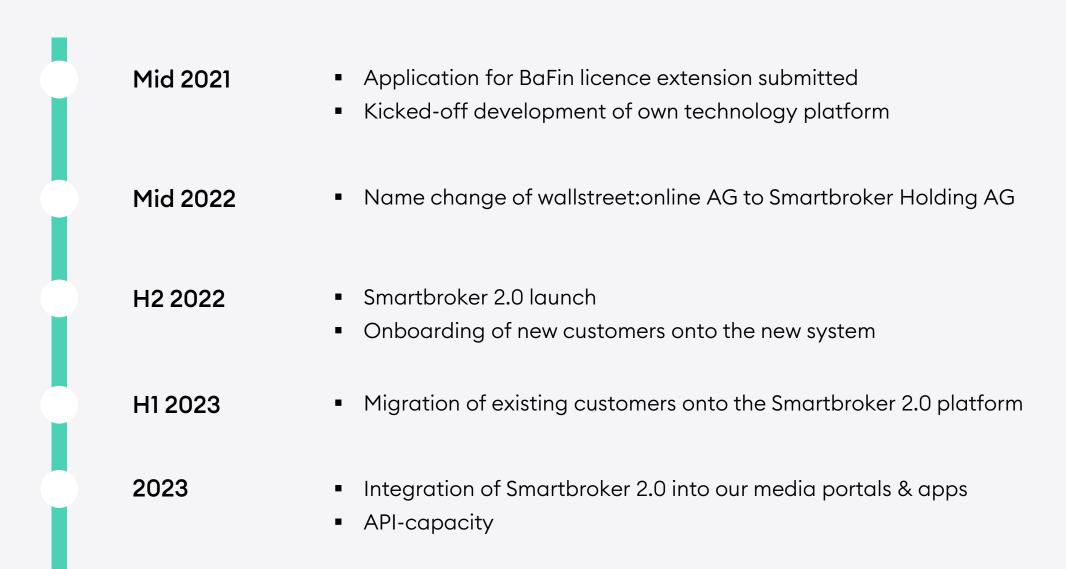








# Timeline for the Implementation of Smartbroker 2.0 To be Launched in H2 2022



### **Smartbroker 2.0**

Brand New Customer Experience & State-of-the-Art Functionality

#### Comprehensive product as per Smartbroker standard

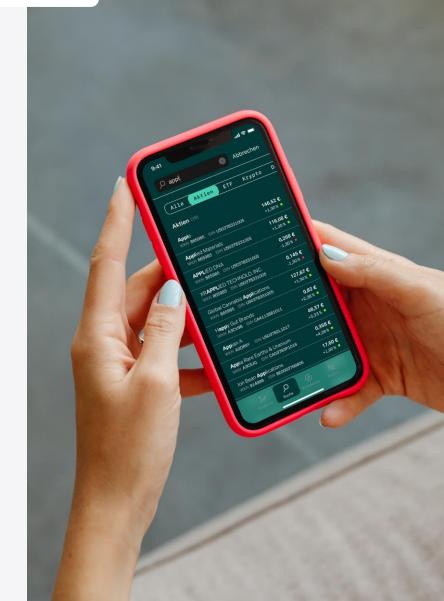
All shares, all ETFs, all funds, all derivatives, all stock exchanges

#### PLUS important additions & innovations

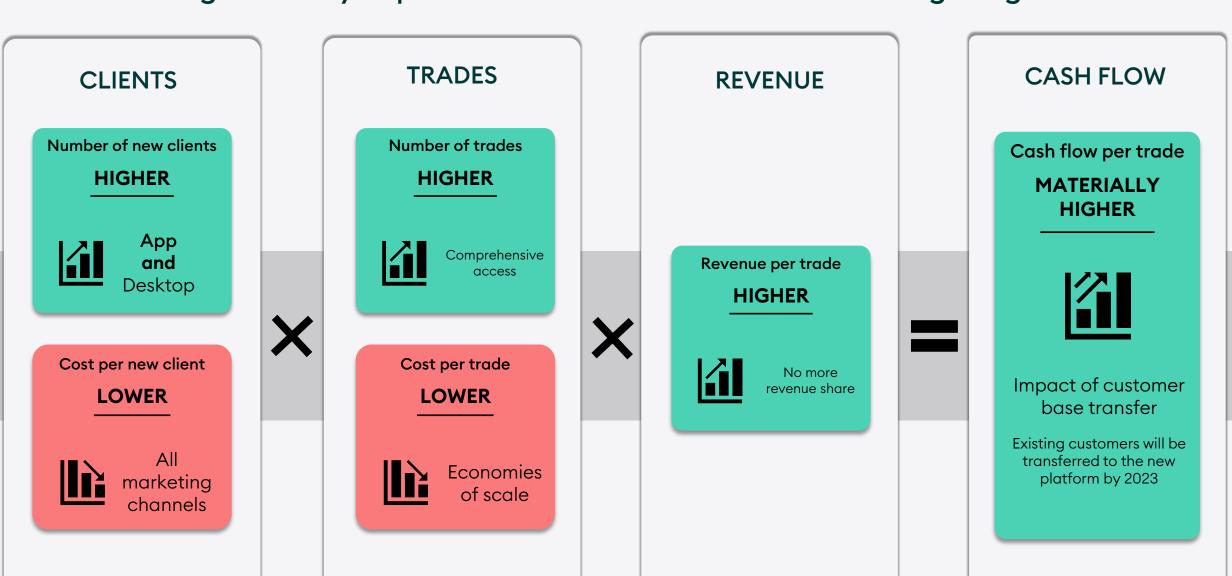
- Smartbroker app & new web interface
- New products: e. g. crypto trading
- New client groups

#### **EQUALS**

- Best offer on the German online broker market
- First provider to combine transaction with content & community in one product



# Commercial Impact of Smartbroker 2.0 Establishing a Greatly Improved Business Model for the Brokerage Segment



## Case Study 2026

**Smartbroker 2.0 Unfolds its Potential** 



## Case Study 2026 – Intro

#### Uncertainties and risks associated with the Case Study 2026

#### 1. New products - no prior experience

- Own trading app
- Crypto trading
- CFD business
- Placements business

#### 2. External factors, outside the Company's influence

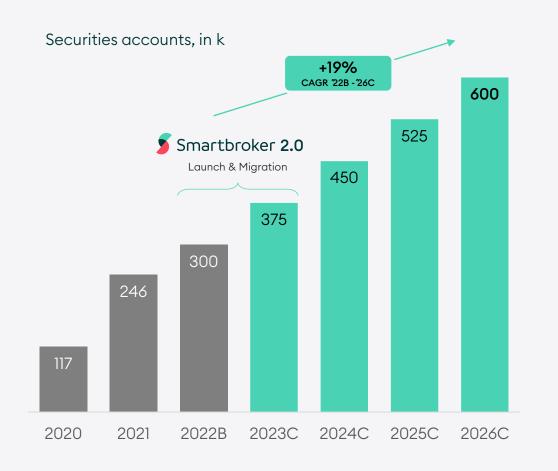
- Granting of BaFin licence
- Changes in the regulatory environment (e. g. payment for order flow, social trading)
- Macroeconomic environment (e. g. effects of the Ukraine war, inflation, interest rate level)

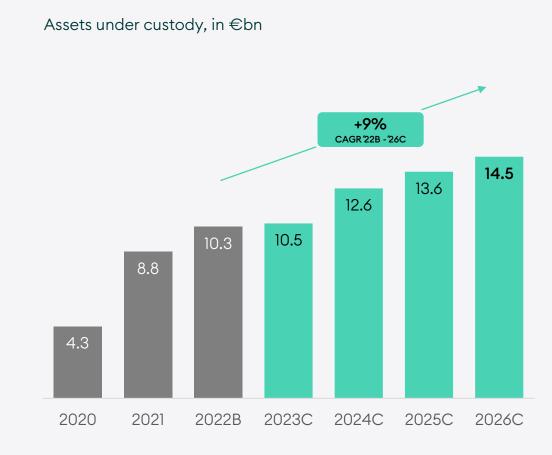




## Case Study 2026

#### Example: New Customer Development at 75k New Accounts p.a.





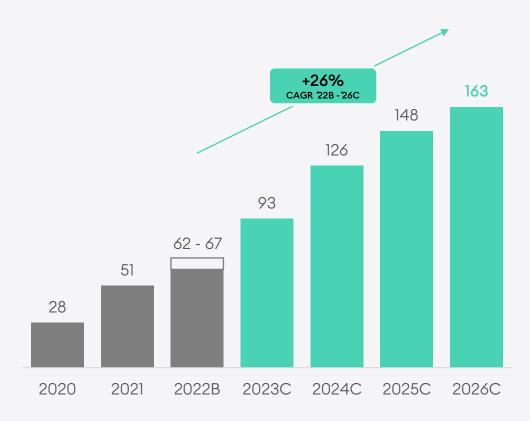
5% market share by number of shareholders, 2% by number of securities accounts in Germany





## Case Study 2026 Scalable Business Model Enables Profitable Growth

Revenues, in €m



#### **Assumptions**

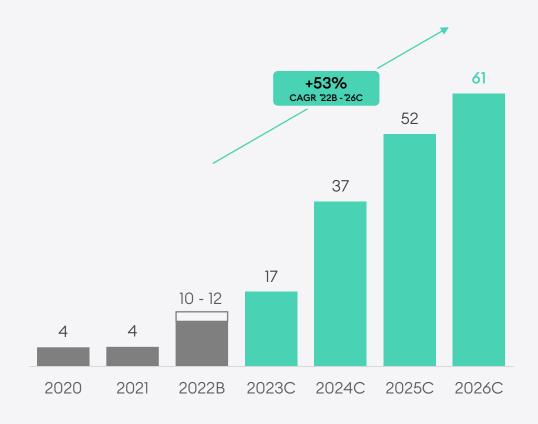
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- ~30 trades p.a. per account
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EBITDA after client acquisition cost, in €m



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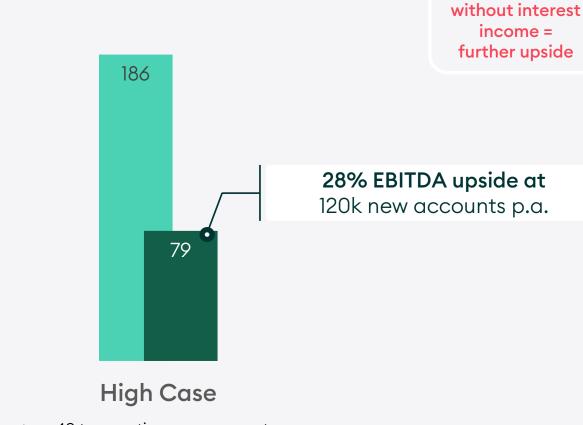
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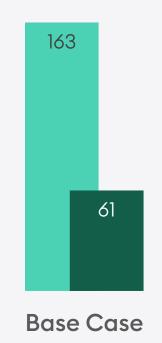


# Case Study 2026 600k Accounts in 2026 - Number of Transaction as an Important Growth Driver

Exemplary calculation Case Study 2026, based on the current avg. number of annual transactions per depot ( $\sim$ 30 transactions)







30 transactions per account

40 transactions per account





Cases calculated

#### **Future Success Factors**



#### **Product Leadership**

All stock exchanges, all important asset classes combined in one product

#### **Innovation**

Connecting information & transaction

Social trading, financial education, community





# Case Study 2026 Significant Further Growth Opportunities Not Modelled in the Above Case

#### **Priority 1**

- Extended integration between Smartbroker & media portals | Optimised data analysis & cross-selling B2B
- Interest income
- B2B offer | Various cooperation possibilities in white label format

#### **Priority 2**

- Capital market-based wealth creation & management for purposes of retirement savings
- Stronger trading activity in cryptocurrencies
- Financial education





# Long-term Value Creation for All Stakeholders is at the Heart of our Corporate Strategy

## **Our Product Strategy**

Establishing price leadership in personal investing

- Deliberately waiving retail fees for the benefit of our clients
- Made possible by re-evaluating market dynamics, lean cost structure, digital first products
- FondsDiscount revolutionised the funds market in 2004 with the introduction of zero per cent issue premia
- Smartbroker draws from this decades-long experience

## **S**martbroker

Disrupting the brokerage and personal investment markets

Full-service broker at the most favourable conditions

## Our Finance Strategy

Efficient use of capital

- We are proud of our history of profitable growth and cash generation
- Self-financing of expansion & new products
- Re-invest media business cash flows into value-added growth in the transaction business



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**About** | The wallstreet:online Group operates Smartbroker - a multiple award-winning online broker, which is the only provider in Germany to combine the extensive product range of traditional brokers with the extremely favourable conditions of neo brokers. At the same time, the Group operates four high-reach stock market portals (wallstreet-online.de, boersenNews.de, FinanzNachrichten.de and ARIVA.de). With several hundred million monthly page impressions, the Group is the by far largest publisher-independent financial portal operator in Germanspeaking countries and hosts the largest finance community.



